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ALCOHOL FROM REFUSE

It is not altogether from temperance cranks that the cry has come for prohibition, at least during the war. It is now universally recognized that the world is threatened with starvation. To turn good grains into useless or damaging drink products is being forced upon the world's attention as something akin to the crime of treason.

Unfortunately the use of vast quantities of grain is still required for the manufacture of alcohol used in the production of munitions. By far the greater part of the corn and other grains used at Corbyville the past three years has gone into the production of alcohol for explosives.

A level-headed student of affairs has written to The Ontario inquiring if it is not possible to use less valuable and necessary substitutes, taken for the making of this war-time alcohol. His letter is very pertinent and practical and we cannot forbear making the following quotations.

Should it not be the desire and aim of every one, including the Government, to utilize every bit of food for food purposes? The point arises then—could this alcohol for munitions be made of material that is not suitable for food?

You will doubtless remember the discussion in the papers some seven or eight years ago about the possibility of using 'denatured alcohol' as a substitute for gasoline for motive power. During the course of this lengthy discussion facts and figures were presented from apparently reliable sources showing that this alcohol could be made from any kind of vegetable refuse, such as potato peelings, cabbage leaves, etc., at a cost of approximately twenty cents per gallon.

WHAT TWO MEN DID.

Two citizens of Belleville whose combined ages are 185 years engaged last year in vacant lot gardening. The younger of the two had no previous experience in the working of garden plots. They used merely what spare time they had, aside from their daily occupation. The result of their activity gave them very great satisfaction. They had the pleasure all summer of watching the vegetable life in their garden grow and expand and develop forms of natural beauty.

This story was not told us for public adornment. We merely make use of it to point a moral and adorn a tale. There were many last year, in and about the city, who engaged in work similar to that of our friends. The city teams assisted in plowing and harrowing. Some were disappointed in the returns they received but on the whole, where an honest effort was made, the yield was abundant.

The important point to be taken into consideration is that every bushel of vegetables raised here, whether of potatoes, carrots, onions, turnips, beans or corn, was a knock for Germany. Every bushel of food produced in Belleville meant practical patriotism. It meant the release of just that many bushels to be used elsewhere. It permitted the employment of freight cars for other purposes.

In a number of other cities accurate records have been kept of the work that was done by the vacant-lot gardeners. We would like to see something of the same done here. Such action would have a great stimulus in promoting co-ordinate effort. As carried out last year the work by the city and individuals was disconnected and desultory. What is needed is thorough planning and organization.

The project is entirely feasible and alarmingly urgent. But to secure adequate results we must have thorough organization. We hope to see our council, our organization of resources committee and our horticultural society unite in a grand campaign.

SOCIALISTS PLAY GERMANY'S GAME

The reports from Russia grow daily more discouraging for the Entente Allies. The Bolshevik Socialists have made a sorry mess of everything and the second greatest empire of the world now lies before the Hun invader, abject, helpless, degraded. According to yesterday's cabled reports the Germans demand among their peace terms the right to 'police' Russian cities. That of course means a German garrison in every Russian city of any size, the disarmament of all Russian forces and the absolute control, subjection and domination of the huge territory, three times as large as the United States, by our enemies.

A year ago the defeat of the German armies seemed certain within a few months in the field. The financial collapse of the Central empires appeared imminent. If their armies and financial fabric weathered the storm, it was believed that famine would in the year 1917 complete their defeat. Today the Teutonic forces are in a vastly stronger comparative position than they were a year ago. The Russian collapse will solve their food problems and furnish them with an abundance of other supplies. Their improved outlook will temporarily, at least, tide them over their financial difficulties. Their ultimate defeat now appears more remote than ever.

Germany has been saved by a German product—Socialism. It is now just a year ago that Nicholas II abdicated the throne of Russia and left political power in the hands of the National Duma and of a provisional government formed from the Duma and led by Prince Lvoff, the able leader of the Zemstvo Union. There were several ministerial changes but continuity was preserved and the great government depart-

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While this is true, we do not think it is the correct opinion to state that Lenin and Trotsky are the hired tools of Germany. They are probably quite as anxious to overthrow the German government as any other. It does not now appear as if there is any power on earth that can arrest the German invasion of Russia. We can merely await development in that great sphere.

The post of The Toronto World thus characterises the beautiful variety of weather we have been having the past week. 'First it rained and then it blew; then it friz and then it snow; then there came a shower of rain; and then it friz and blew again.'

Till their piracy is ended, Till their lunacy is ended, Till their leprosy is mended, There is just one thing to do; We have passed all why and whither And with faces toward the weather Stand for all and all together.

Forward still to win the Vision Forward to the Great Decision Which shall blast the last derision Of the Prussian citadel Till the Prussian crest is crumbled Till the Prussian head is humbled Till his frightfulness is frighted Only in the depths of hell.

Other Editor's Opinions. A good debate nowadays on the question of 'which is the most powerful—the skating rinks or the young peoples' meetings?' would have no difficulty in supplying the answer from almost every young peoples' religious organization in the city.

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Good eyesight depends on good digestion. You may truly say that a man sees with his teeth, as he fights with his teeth. Going into the army, with change of food, of water, of life habits, care of the teeth is extremely important and at the same time apt to be neglected.

the world. The majority Socialists, the Bolsheviki, were thoroughly Germanised in thoughts and purposes. Their minds were full of the Karl Marx dogmas; war between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie until the bourgeoisie bit the dust, war between the enslaving 'capitalist' and the enslaved working classes until the 'capitalist' should be overthrown.

It does not now appear as if there is any power on earth that can arrest the German invasion of Russia. We can merely await development in that great sphere. In the meantime, a number of things may happen. Socialism is a very strong force in Germany itself. It has co-operated with a certain degree of loyalty with Kaiserism in the war up to the present time.

The general situation has never appeared more ominous or critical since the beginning of the war. The poet of The Toronto World thus characterises the beautiful variety of weather we have been having the past week.

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young soldiers. Take care of them even though the men about you do not take care of theirs. You are tired, sleepy, could 'drop in your tracks,' you will not even take of the clothes which you are wearing and clean those white weapons that will help you fight the Germans when the time comes, help you to get digestion, clear vision, strong nerve and elastic muscles.

Bring back your teeth sound and white. Fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and friends should remember the soldiers' teeth when they remember the soldier. Make sure that he has a good tooth brush—better still, two of them—when he leaves, and a supply of the kind of dentifrice that is conveniently carried and is convenient to use even in the dark.

Remember this fact, for it is a fact. It will be better as regards the future battle of life of the young man who is going to use his brain in building up a success to come back with one leg missing rather than to come back with his teeth ruined.

With one leg off you can think and work with your brain as well as ever. But with your teeth ruined, which means your digestion impaired and the quality of the blood impaired, you can not do the work or enjoy the life that is possible with sound teeth.

Help the young men to come back with white ivory fighting weapons so much neglected and so important. See that every soldier has his good toothbrush and his good dentifrice with frequent renewals of the supply. Soldiers bring back a clean mind, clean teeth and you will find success waiting here for you.—Atlanta Georgian.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Tutts attended the funeral of their niece, little Miss Margaret Sherman, held at Melrose on Tuesday last week. We regret to learn of the illness of Miss Anselma Cournoyer, of the Bank of Montreal staff, who is confined to her room with an attack of pleurisy.

When coasting on the hill on Saturday, little Hilda O'Keefe had the misfortune to meet with an accident whereby she sustained a fracture of her leg. Dr. Volume reduced the fracture and the patient is reported doing nicely.

Several pneumonia cases reported in a recent issue are, we are pleased to report, convalescing. Mr. J. D. Taylor spent a couple of days in Toronto this week attending the millinery openings and purchasing his spring stock.

A very pleasant affair at the very end of the week was the 6th day of the occasion being the anniversary of the gathering being sort of combination and family those present were of Orino Ont., Mr. and Mrs. J. Forget, Sask., sister of the great Rutledge, of H. and sister of the J. H. Clare of G. Gordon, of of the bride; and of Thomasburg. A few of the in- unable to reach vities on account notably Mr. and of Clare; of Sovi succeeded in get- Tweed, but be- home that night. The tables fall the very sumpt- by the genial h

Success Close

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Presentations

To Mr. and Mrs. family. We your friend have met together press to you ou your departure f food and at the to you our too- ture welfare in While maintaini of pleasure, it is you go from our During the la have associated- grown to apprec friends and obli we will miss you and feel our loss gain. We thought w go away without in a small degr accept as a smal and esteem for y We hope that many years to e Heaven's blessing in your new hom based on bet neighbors.

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